

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs. Hopewell, Spencer, Buchanan,	Parnham, Digges, Worthington,	Campbell, Hollingworth, Calvert,	Baker, Nicholson, Brown,	C. Frazier, Robins, Wilson,	Brother, Montgomery, Winchester. 18.
W. Thomas, Barroll, Ridout, J. C. Thomas, Brogden, Hall, Brome, Sprigg,	Emerson, Bourne, J. Thomas, Carroll, Sherwood, Harwood, Johnson, Lamdin,	Jones, Hyland, Wilkins, S. Frazier, Goldborough, Pattison, Miller, Wallace,	Savin, Duckett, Quynn, Key, Whittington, Corbin, Quynn, jun. Jarrett,	Prall, McComas, Bennett, Driver, Young, Cellar, Bowles, McClain,	Douglass, Reintzel, Swearingen, Onesale, J. C. Beatty, Clarke, Beall, Tomlinson. 48.

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:
THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Polk, of Somerset county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true; they therefore think the relief prayed for ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith?
Determined in the negative.

The report on the petition of Nathaniel Sliney and wife was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Barroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:
THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Hatcheson, of Kent county, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the allegations set forth in said petition, and find them to be true, they therefore think that the indulgence of the legislature ought to be afforded to the petitioner, provided he will give sufficient security for the payment of the debt due by him to the state; they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That if Benjamin Hatcheson, of Kent county, shall enter into bond, with two or more sufficient securities, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore, or the agent for the time being, for the sum of five hundred and twenty-eight pounds two shillings and eight-pence current money, with interest from the first day of September, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, it being the balance due from him to the state of Maryland for arrearages of taxes for Kent county, on or before the first day of March next, that the treasurer of the western shore, or the agent for the time being, be authorized to take the said bond, payable to the state of Maryland, giving three years for the payment of the said balance from the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, one third of the principal and the whole of the interest to be paid on or before the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, one other third and the whole interest on the remaining balance to be paid on or before the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and the residue to be paid on or before the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine; upon failure to pay the one third of the principal and the whole of the interest at the respective times of payment, execution may issue against the said Benjamin Hatcheson, and his securities, or against either of them, for the whole sum; and the said Benjamin Hatcheson, upon giving bond as aforesaid, shall be released from the execution that is now served on him for the debt aforesaid, upon his paying all costs, and sheriff's commission for the same; and that he be allowed to discharge said bond in the same manner as other bonds are permitted to be paid, taken for arrearages of taxes.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read

Mr. Barroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:
THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Hyland, of Cæcil county, report, that they have examined the several matters therein stated, and find that the petitioner became security for a certain Jacob Lum, of Cæcil county, for the collection of the taxes of said county; that the said Lum was possessed of a tract of land in said county worth about seven hundred and fifty pounds, which was taken in execution at the suit of a certain Patrick Hamilton, and sold for the sum of three hundred pounds to Basil Williams, of Cæcil county; that the cause of the said land selling so low was owing to a doubt that existed at the time of sale, whether the said lands could be sold for the debt of Hamilton; that the attorney-general gave an opinion that the lands of Lum were answerable to the state, and liable to be sold under the state's execution; that in consequence of the said opinion of the attorney-general, the said tract of land belonging to Lum hath been since sold by Henry Hollingsworth, of Cæcil county, as agent for the said county, and was purchased by the said agent, for the benefit of the state, for the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds; that after the agent had purchased the said lands for the benefit of the state, Basil Williams, the former purchaser, brought an ejectment in the general court of the eastern shore against the state of Maryland for the recovery of said lands, and obtained judgment for the same, and hath since been put in possession; that in consequence of the premises the petitioner, as security for the said Jacob Lum, hath been compelled to pay to the state of Maryland the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds. Your committee further observes, that the petitioner hath a numerous family, and hath been deprived of his hearing; and it appears he hath not the means of a future subsistence, unless the legislature affords him some relief, but